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WHEN SCIENCE-GEEK PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE." NOW, HE HAS FINALLY LIVED UP TO HIS POTENTIAL AS THE C.E.O. OF PARKER INDUSTRIES.

AFTER A NEW INHUMAN NAMED ULYSSES HELPED THE SUPER HERO COMMUNITY STOP AN ALIEN INVASION, SPIDER-MAN TOOK HIM UNDER HIS WING. HOWEVER, ULYSSES HAD ANOTHER VISION – THIS TIME OF ONE OF PETER PARKER'S EMPLOYEES – THE REFORMED SUPER VILLAIN CLAYTON COLE – TURNING TRAITOR!

CLAYTON LEARNED OF ULYSSES' VISION AND DONNED A REVAMPED COSTUME OF HIS OLD ALTER-EGO...***CLASH!***

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PARKER INDUSTRIES.
PETER PARKER'S OFFICE.

YOU LOOK AWFUL. WERE YOU UP *ALL NIGHT* WAITING FOR CLAYTON TO CALL?

COULDN'T REALLY SLEEP.

HAVE SOME COFFEE. AND STOP BEATING YOURSELF UP.

BUT IT'S *MY FAULT*, HARRY.

CLAYTON HELPED OUT AGAINST *THE GHOST, THE ZODIAC*...HIS TECH SAVED YOU FROM *REGENT*.

AND I STILL TREATED HIM LIKE A CRIMINAL, JUST BECAUSE HE MADE SOME BAD DECISIONS AS A KID.

HEY, I FEEL FOR CLAY, BUT WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT TAGGING WALLS. HE BECAME A *COSTUMED CRIMINAL*. AND THEN SPENT YEARS AS A HENCHMAN TO OTHERS.

HE WAS TOLD BY YOU, ME, AND HIS PROBATION OFFICER NOT TO USE HIS *CLASH* TECH. AND HE KEPT DOING IT ANYWAY.

LIKE I SAID BEFORE, I'VE BEEN THERE.

THE SUIT, THE POWER... THEY'RE LIKE A DRUG. ONE HE KEEPS GOING BACK TO.

EXCEPT THIS TIME, I *DROVE* HIM TO IT.

COULD YOU HAVE HANDLED THINGS BETTER? MAYBE. BUT AS AN EX-BAD GUY MYSELF, I DON'T THINK YOU DID ANYTHING UNREASONABLE.

AND YOU'VE LEFT HIM MESSAGE AFTER MESSAGE TELLING HIM YOU'RE SORRY, YOU TRUST HIM, THAT YOU'LL BACK HIM ON HIS OWN VENTURES. VOICE, TEXT, EMAIL.

PATPAT

CLAYTON'S A GROWN MAN TOO. HE MADE HIS OWN CHOICES, AND HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM. NOW IT'S ON HIM...

ACROSS TOWN.

"...TO MAKE THE RIGHT ONES."

I'VE BEEN THINKING OVER WHAT YOU SAID. ABOUT PEOPLE USING ME... EXPLOITING ME. HOW NO ONE'S REALLY GONNA LOOK OUT FOR ME BUT ME.

AND I THINK IT'S TIME I STARTED DOING THAT.

I'M SO PLEASED YOU'VE SEEN THE LIGHT, MR. COLE.

BUT FORGIVE MY INFORMALITY. THE WAY YOU'RE DRESSED, I SHOULD CALL YOU CLASH. AND I SUPPOSE, FOR NOSTALGIA'S SAKE...

...YOU MAY CALL ME THE *ROBOT MASTER.*

70000 VOLTS

QUITE A REVERSAL FROM OUR LAST ENCOUNTER, HM? ON THE SURFACE, ANYWAY.

NOW I SEE WHAT YOU WERE PAYING ***THE TINKERER*** TO MAKE. IMPRESSIVE EQUIPMENT. A VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PREVIOUS VERSION.

THE COSTUME ITSELF, WE WON'T NEED. PARKER INDUSTRIES WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT THEM.

WE'LL GET RICH WITHOUT THEM EVER KNOWING IT WAS US, AND ***HARRY OSBORN*** WILL TAKE THE BLAME FOR THEIR DOWNFALL.

UNLESS... THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE YOU'D PREFER TO IMPLICATE? IT'S ***NORMAN*** OSBORN I HATE, AND AFTER ALL, HE AND HIS SON DON'T EVEN SPEAK.

I'D IMAGINE THERE'S SOMEONE AT THE COMPANY ***YOU*** FEEL ILL-USED BY.

OSBORN? PARKER HIMSELF? THE PUBLIC WOULD LOVE TO SEE A C.E.O. GO TO PRISON FOR A CHANGE.

MOBILE AIR CONDITIONER 8000 BTU

VRRRRR

OR PERHAPS A RIVAL? A FORMER LOVER?

TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT, AND I WILL MAKE IT SO.

CYCL

LOGA

WHAT I REALLY WANT...

YES?

DOWN DOWN DOWN

...IS TO TAKE YOU DOWN.

I READ UP ON YOUR ROBOTS. THIS FREQUENCY OUGHT TO FRY THEIR OPERATING SYSTEMS...

SKREEEOOWW

GR3Y

AND IT WOULD HAVE.

IF I WERE FOOL ENOUGH TO LET YOU IN WITHOUT FIRST *PROTECTING THEM* FROM SONIC ATTACKS.

IDIOT. WE COULD HAVE GOTTEN RICH TOGETHER, QUIETLY. BUT I THINK YOU'LL FIND...

BRAKASCHH

GNNH!

T-4MN

...I DON'T MIND NOISE, EITHER.

I DO APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING YOUR NEW EQUIPMENT, THOUGH.

AND LOOK FORWARD TO ADDING IT TO *MINE.*

THERE'S...TOO MANY OF THEM. CAN'T...STOP THEM ALL...

NO!

GOT TO LET MY SYSTEMS RECHARGE BEFORE I DO THAT AGAIN, BUT IF I CAN JUST BUY MYSELF A FEW--

AGH!

UFF!

NOT BAD, YOUNG MAN.

KRAK!

BUT NOT NEARLY GOOD ENOUGH.

HIS EARS...CAN'T BE HUMAN ANYMORE, OR HE COULDN'T GET THIS CLOSE.

I'M BLOWING THIS. HAVEN'T BEEN IN A REAL FIGHT IN SO LONG...

STROMM'S GOING TO KILL ME, TAKE MY TECH, AND USE IT TO KILL PEOPLE.

THEY WERE RIGHT. I'M A LOSER. THEY WERE *ALL* RIGHT.

MY PARENTS. PETER PARKER. AND--

WE'VE MET, RIGHT? I'M GREAT WITH HALF-FACES, BUT NAMES...

SPIDER-MAN?!

GNAHH!

THAT'S MINE. YOURS IS...*STROMM!* GUESS I'M NOT SO BAD WITH NAMES AFTER ALL. I THOUGHT OLD PEOPLE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE *BAD* WITH TECHNOLOGY.

GOOD THAT YOU'RE HERE. IT WOULD HAVE PAINED ME TO NOT TO DESTROY YOU, TOO.

AT YOUR AGE, *EVERYTHING* PAINS YOU. TRY BENGAY.

I ALWAYS HATED THAT BLOBBY THING. SINCE WHEN ARE ROBOTS BLOBBY? YOU GOT HIM IF I HANDLE STROMM?

I--I--

DAMN RIGHT!

DAMN RIGHT

I'VE GOT *ALL* OF 'EM!

OVERCONFIDENT. LIKE ALL YOUR GENERATION.

ZZRREEE

AGH!

YOU'RE REALLY LEANING INTO THE "GROUCHY OLD MAN" THING, HUH?

THWIP

I DOUBT THIS'LL IMPROVE YOUR MOOD.

RRNCH

GAAGGH!

FLEXIBLE METAL COSTUME. IMPRESSIVE. YOU'VE IMPROVED YOUR EQUIPMENT SINCE WE LAST MET.

SO HAVE I.

KLIK CLAK

VRRT

UM... SPIDEY, SOMETHING'S HAPPENING HERE...

THE MODERN WORLD IS FULL OF ROBOTS.

AND I AM THE ROBOT MASTER!

GIANT ROBOTS.

ALWAYS GIANT ROBOTS...

NO! STAY ON STROMM! I'VE GOT THIS!

I DON'T THINK--

CAN YOU JUST *TRUST* ME FOR ONCE?

I--

OKAY.

HEY, STROMMY! WHERE YOU GOING? THE BLUE PLATE SPECIAL DOESN'T START UNTIL 4:30!

WISH I WAS AS CONFIDENT AS I SOUND. GONNA HAVE TO HOPE THIS WORKS BEFORE IT *CRUSHES* ME TO DEATH.

STRAIGHT SONIC BLASTS AREN'T DOING IT. STROMM'S MACHINES ARE GENERATING A PROTECTIVE MAGNETIC FIELD.

SO I'VE GOTTA BE *SUBTLE*. LOW FREQUENCIES. LESS ABOUT SOUND, MORE ABOUT VIBRATION.

NNGGNNN!

P-PERFECT. GONNA DIE 'CAUSE OF ANOTHER STUPID MISTAKE...

WAIT.

WWWWWW

YES! ALL ABOUT THAT *BASS*, BABY!

YOU'RE THAT EAGER TO DIE, EH? COME ON, THEN. SEE THE ENDLESS WEAPONS AT MY DISPOSAL. I AM THE--

"ROBOT MASTER," YEAH, YOU SAID. LIKE, *A LOT.*

I DON'T KNOW AS MUCH AS YOU ABOUT ROBOTS. ONE THING I DO KNOW, THOUGH.

DON'T GUM UP THE WORKS...

WH-WHAT--?

SKLITT

...OR THINGS GET *MESSY.*

NOOO--!

YES! WE DID IT! WE TOOK HIM DOWN TOGETHER!

SEE? I TOLD YOU THAT YOU COULD TRUST ME. AND NOW PETE WILL SEE THAT HE CAN, TOO.

I KNOW I LOST MY TEMPER, BUT HE'LL BE COOL, NOW THAT HE SEES WHAT I DID. IT'S GONNA BE JUST LIKE IT WAS. *BETTER!*

CLAYTON... THIS ISN'T A GOOD THING, WHAT HAPPENED HERE.

YOU USED THE CLASH TECH. *AGAIN.* THE *ONE THING* YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO DO.

B-BUT I WAS PROTECTING PARKER INDUSTRIES! STROMM WAS GOING TO ROB IT! HE WAS GONNA FRAME HARRY--

AND I COULD'VE STOPPED ALL THAT--WITHOUT MILLIONS IN PROPERTY DAMAGE OR ANYONE PUT IN DANGER--IF YOU'D JUST COME TO ME AND TOLD ME.

WHY DIDN'T YOU?

I...

I WANTED TO PROVE I WAS ON THE RIGHT SIDE. THAT I COULD MAKE THE *RIGHT CHOICE!*

BUT YOU *DIDN'T.*

YOU TOOK A HUGE RISK. WITH YOUR LIFE, AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

CLAYTON, YOU *VIOLATED YOUR PAROLE.*

AM... I'M FIRED, AREN'T I?

NO. OF COURSE NOT.

THAT'S NOT JUST ME TALKING. I SPOKE TO PETE ABOUT IT. HE THINKS HE CAN CONVINCE YOUR PAROLE OFFICER THIS WAS SELF-DEFENSE.

NYPD

OH, GOD, THANK YOU.

I NEED TO CALL PETER, TOO. THANK HIM...

BUT, CLAYTON...

...YOU HAVE TO TURN OVER ALL THE SONIC TECH YOU HAVE.

NOT JUST THE CLASH COSTUME. *ALL OF IT.*

AND NOT MAKE ANYTHING NEW.

B-BUT...

...SONICS ARE MY *THING!* MY SPECIALTY! WHAT I'M BETTER AT THAN ANYBODY ELSE!

AND THE THING YOU KEEP GETTING INTO TROUBLE WITH. THE THING THAT GOT YOU THROWN IN JAIL.

THE THING YOU *CAN'T STAY AWAY FROM,* EVEN WHEN YOU KNOW IT ALWAYS ENDS BADLY.

ANYWAY, YOU'RE SELLING YOURSELF SHORT. YOU HAVE A BRILLIANT MIND. YOU'RE HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE EVERYONE ELSE IN A *LOT* OF DIFFERENT FIELDS.

NOT AS GOOD AS I AM WITH SONICS. THAT'S THE *ONLY* THING. THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES ME SPECIAL.

AND THAT'S WHY YOU ALL WANT TO TAKE IT AWAY.

NOBODY'S TRYING TO TAKE ANYTHING AWAY FROM YOU. WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T ***THROW AWAY*** ALL THE PROGRESS YOU'VE MADE.

BUT LOOK, IF YOU REALLY STILL WANT TO WORK WITH SONICS, YOU CAN DESIGN STUFF. DRAW IT UP, PLAN IT OUT. THEN HAND IT OFF TO R & D.

WE JUST CAN'T HAVE YOU ACTUALLY USING THE EQUIPMENT.

SO I'M ON A LEASH.

A COMFORTABLE LEASH. A RESPECTABLE ONE. FOR MY OWN GOOD.

BUT IT'S STILL A ***LEASH.***

YOU CAN'T LOOK AT IT THAT WAY. HARRY'S NOT ON A LEASH BECAUSE HE CAN'T HOP ON A GOBLIN GLIDER. ***TONY STARK'S*** NOT ON A LEASH BECAUSE HE CAN'T DRINK A BEER.

OH, SO I'M LIKE AN ALCOHOLIC NOW? OR A ***CRAZY PERSON?***

YOU'RE A GUY WHO GETS INTO TROUBLE WHEN HE USES SONICS. SO YOU HAVE TO STOP. IT'S THAT SIMPLE.

I'VE TALKED TO PETE. HE'S TALKED TO YOUR PAROLE OFFICER. EVERYONE AGREES THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THIS CAN GO.

THERE'S ANOTHER WAY.

WAY WAY WAY

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